(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no proposal to compile a single catalogue for the complete collection of National Museum. However, there is a pogramme to digitally document the entire collection of the most prized possession, which have been categorised as 'AA' and 'A' category objects. These have aleady been digitally documented and a CD of the same has been released.

(d) All the artefacts that are on display as well as in the reserve collections are properly and safely kept and maintained through the following:

(1) Temperature and Humidity control

(2) Preventive conservation measures like fumigation, periodical sterilisation etc.

(3) Periodical conservation audit and conservation of objects based on the requirements

(4) Proper storage of reserve collections as per set international norms.

(5) Provision of security through deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel and povision of modern and electronic security gadgets.

APEX Fares for Delhi-Srinagar Sector

2976. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic and foreign tourists have started visiting Kashmir Valley during the last six months;

(b) if so, the number of tourists who have visited the valley during this period;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indian Airlines has not introduced any special fares for tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Indian Airlines would announce APEX fares for Delhi-Srinagar sector

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) During January to July 2003,1,18,578 domestic tourists and 4,154 foreign tourists visited Kashmir valley.

(c) and (d) According to the information provided by Indian Airlines Limited, APEX fares are being offered in Delhi-Jammu sector. The promotional fares were offered between Delhi-Srinagar sector during the peak tourist season upto 15th July, 2003.

Retrieving of Indian Antiques

2977. MISS MABEL REBELLO:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to retrieve Indian antiques specially the Kohinoor, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Kalgi and the sword of Shivaji, now in possession of U.K., if so, the details of the action-plan;

(b) whether Government have prepared an exhaustive list of such antiques, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether efforts were made earlier also, if so, the reasons for their failure?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) No such proposal is under consideration.

Development of Dal Lake

2978. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give Central assistance to conserve and develop 'Dal Lake' to make it a major tourist spot in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be sanctioned; and

(c) the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) At present there is no such proposal pending with the Department of Tourism. (Such a proposal may have been received by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir)

(c) Does not arise.